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I, Tara Ford, Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, being duly sworn, do hereby depose and state:

INTRODUCTION

1. I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and have been since April 2022. While employed with the FBI, I have investigated federal criminal violations related to domestic and international terrorism, cyber-crimes and criminal violations related to technology. I have attended the FBI Academy where I was trained on various types of investigative methods and procedures. I have also completed multiple cyber specific courses through the FBI's Accelerated Cyber Training Program.

2. As part of my duties, I am involved in the investigation of Daniel Christian JOHNSON for violating Title 18, United States Code, Section 844(e), Explosive Materials-Willfully Making a Threat and Title 18, United States Code, Section 875(c), Interstate Communications with Threat to Kidnap or Injure.

PROBABLE CAUSE

Background

3. On July 10, 2024, the FBI's National Threat Operations Center (NTOC) received a tip involving threatening communications on Facebook by Daniel Christian JOHNSON (hereinafter JOHNSON). The threatening posts were targeted towards multiple former students and co-workers of JOHNSON's in the Meridian, MS area. I and other FBI personnel coordinated with Lauderdale County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) officers to identify JOHNSON as the owner of the Facebook account and proceeded to intervene by conducting interviews with JOHNSON and his parents. During the interviews, JOHNSON admitted to making the threats and exhibited concerning behavior; subsequently, mental health professionals were called to consult/evaluate JOHNSON. Upon evaluation, JOHNSON and his parents agreed to admit him into inpatient mental health treatment at the Westway Behavioral Healthcare facility in Laurel. JOHNSON completed two weeks of treatment before withdrawing from the program and returned home to his parent's residence at 1221 64th Court, Meridian, Mississippi (Subject's Premise).

4. On August 28, 2024, LCSO contacted FBI regarding new threatening posts being made by JOHNSON via Facebook. The August 28, 2024, threats were targeted at law enforcement officers, an administrative official at Lauderdale County School District and "the organizations and people that did [him] wrong". Based upon the substance of the posts by JOHNSON, I believe JOHNSON is committing Interstate Communications crimes, and potentially manufacturing explosive materials which are chemical in nature.

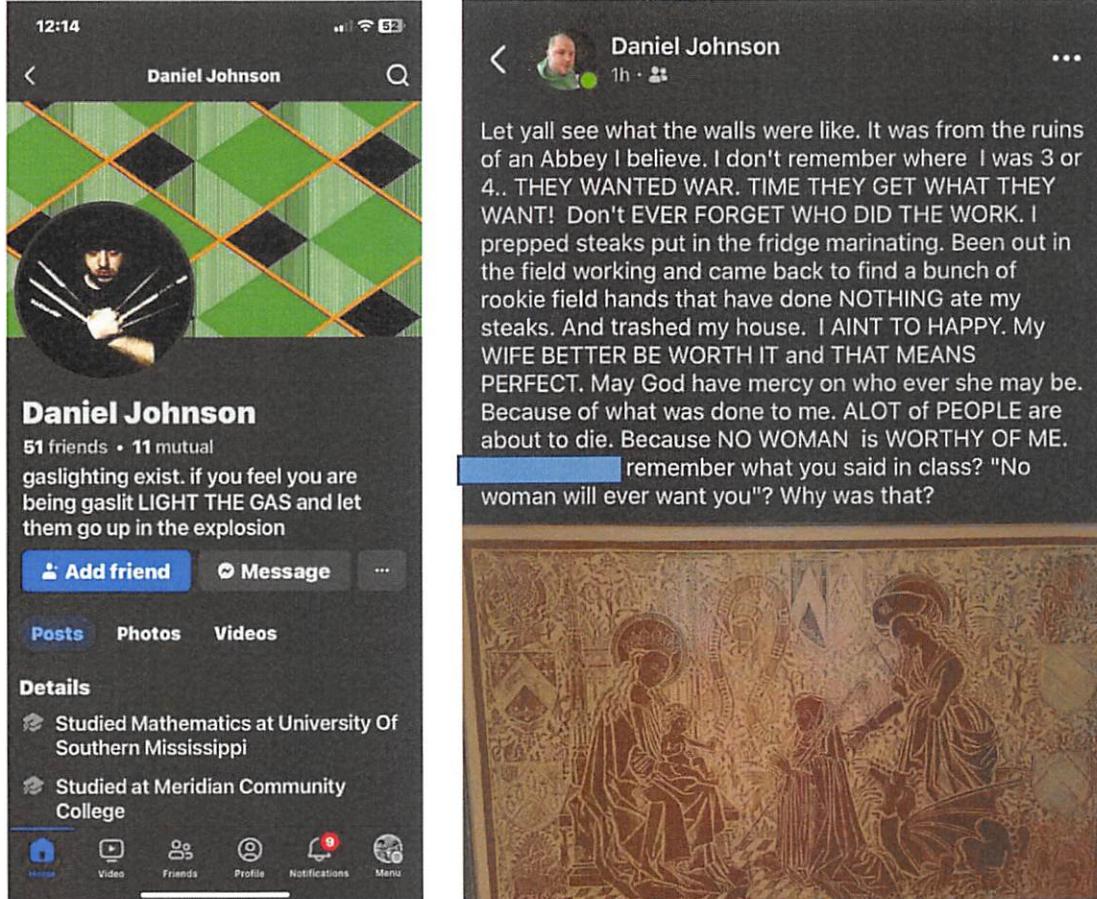
5. I know based upon my training and experience that the social media platform Facebook is owned and operated by Meta Platforms, Inc. a corporation based in Menlo Park, California. I know that Facebook is an instrument used to share information and facilitate communications that affect interstate and foreign commerce. Additionally, I know that by its

very nature, Facebook is capable of transmitting information and communications in and through interstate and foreign commerce.

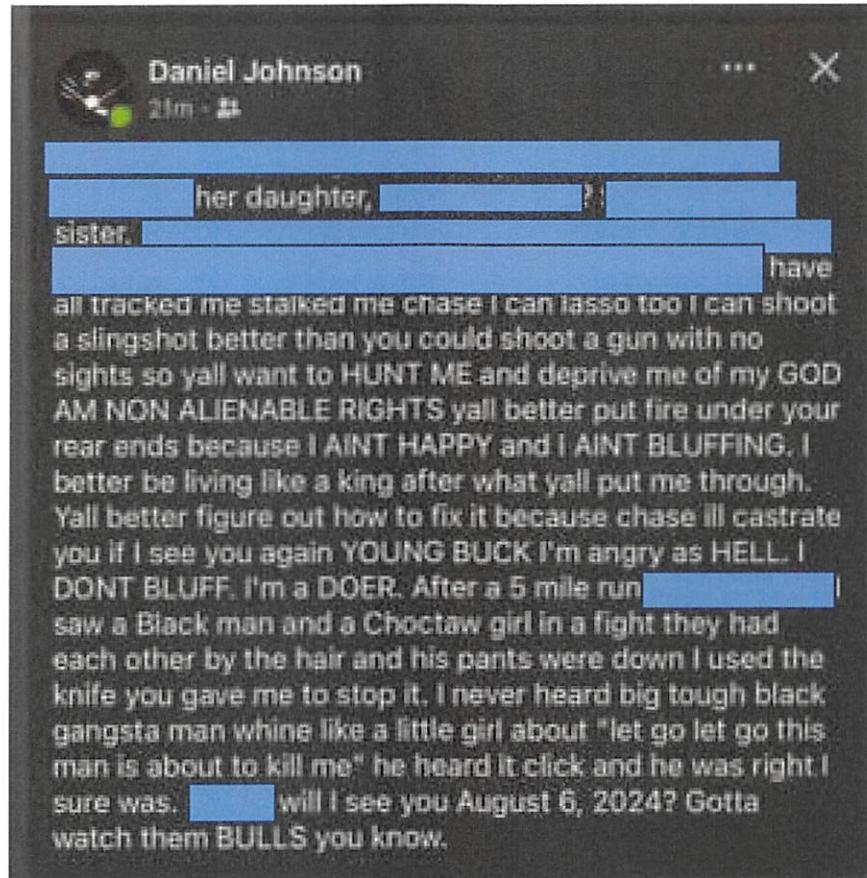
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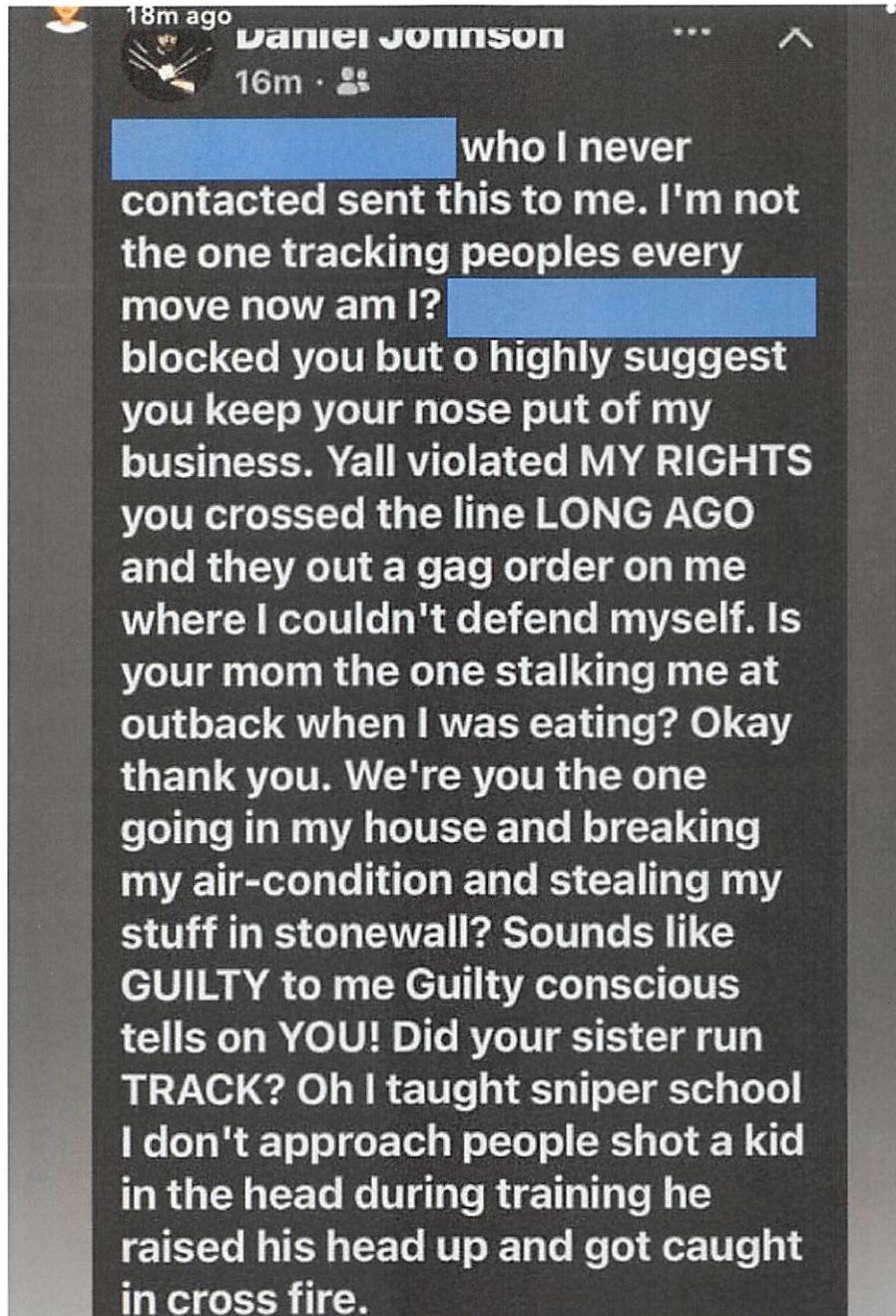
6. On July 10, 2024, the FBI's National Threat Operations Center (NTOC) received a tip involving threatening communications via Facebook by JOHNSON. The threatening posts were targeted towards multiple former students and co-workers of JOHNSON's in the Meridian area. The posts include mention of "war," past acts of violence including shooting a child in the head, alleged "sniper school" training and proficiency with a firearm, threats to "kill" another by "stabbing in the jugular." JOHNSON's posts also include threats to commit wide-scale acts of violence, threatening that "ALOT of PEOPLE are about to die." (emphasis in original).

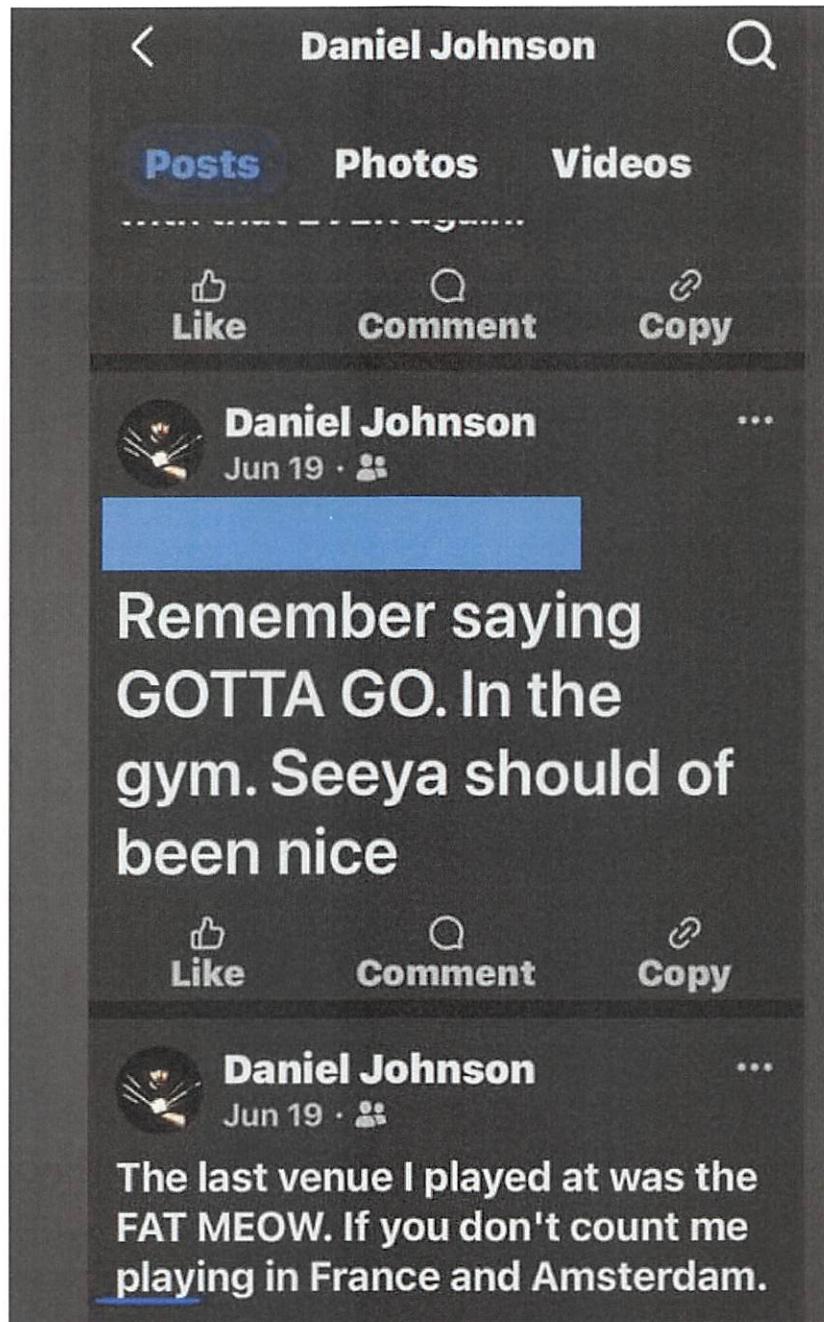
Screenshots of JOHNSON's Facebook post and the above-mentioned posts are shown below¹:

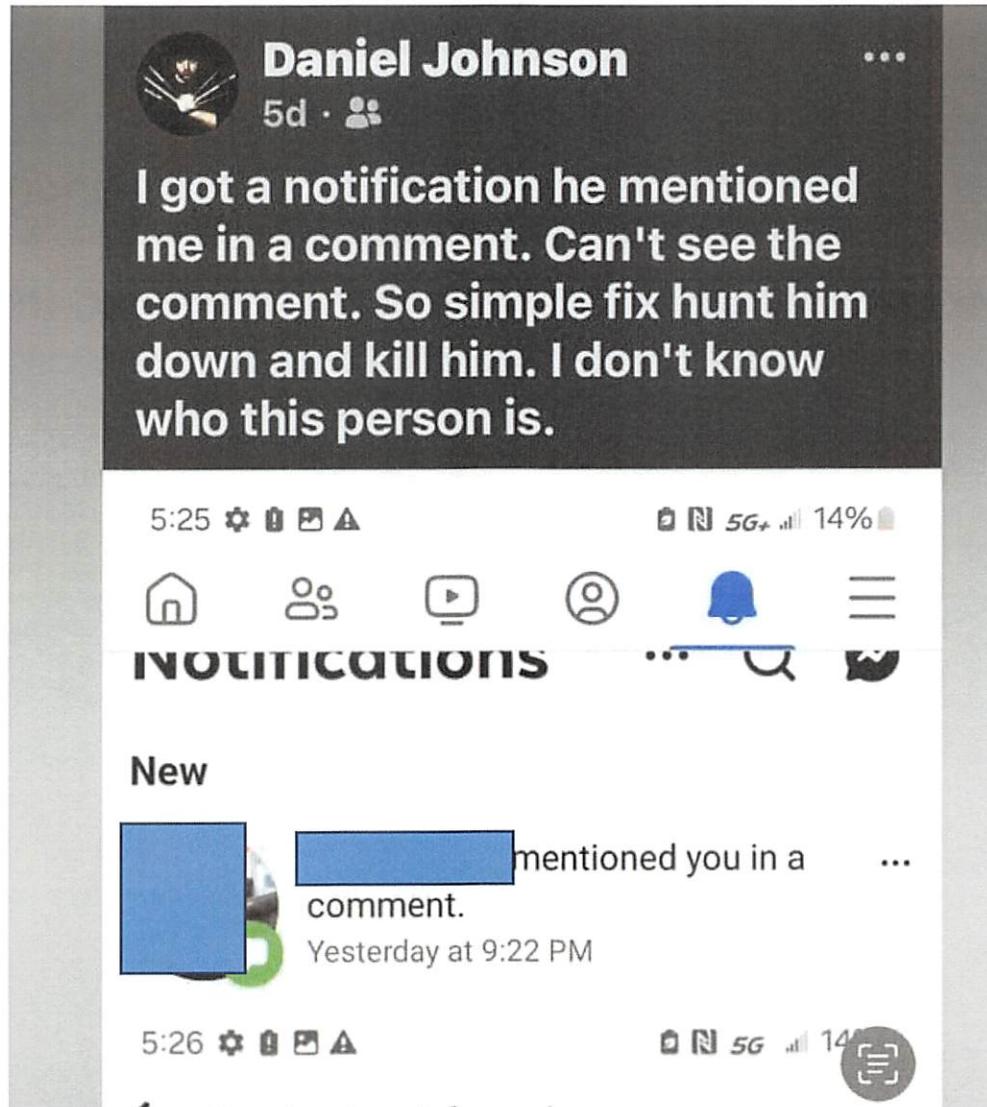


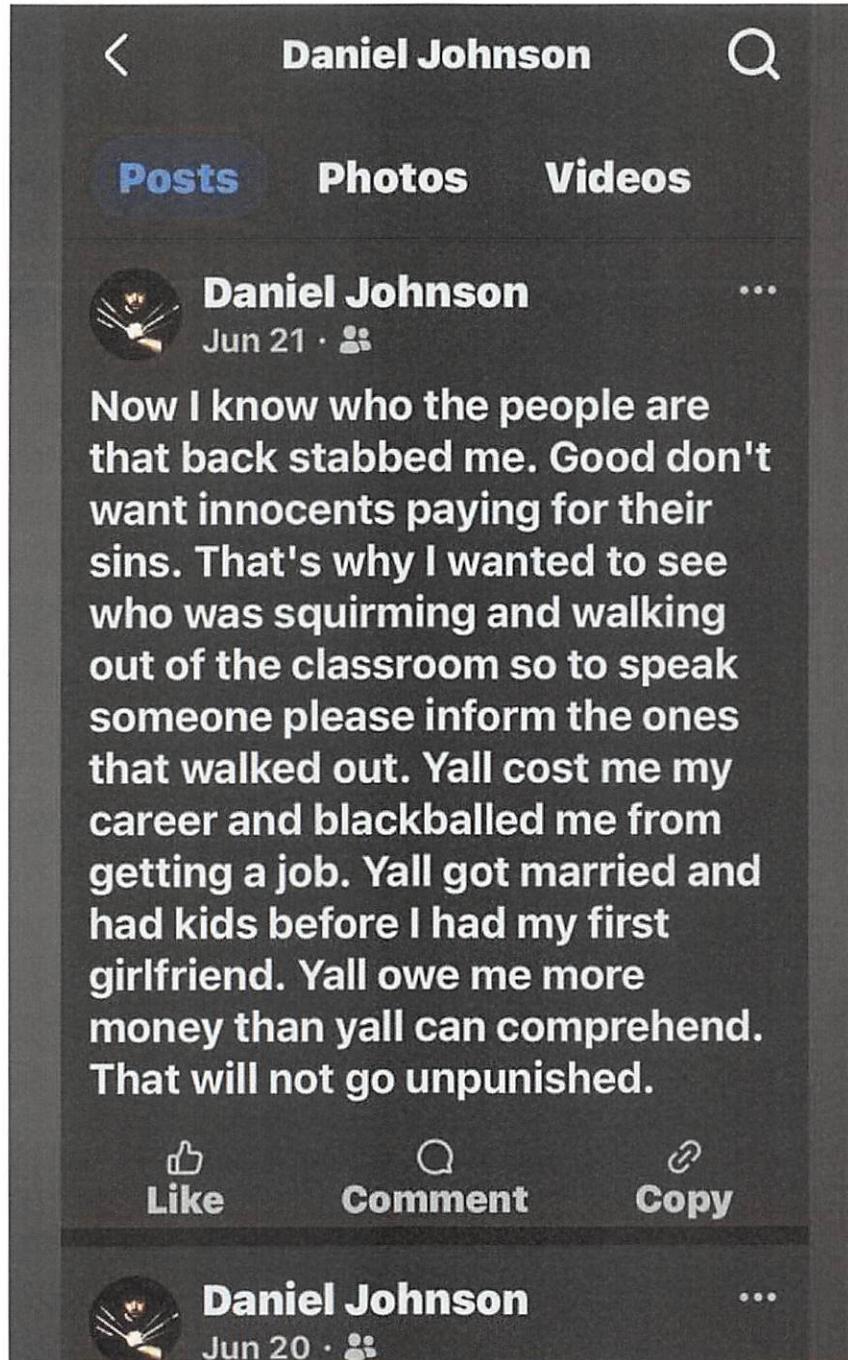
¹ The names of individuals referenced in the Facebook posts have been redacted.











The image is a screenshot of a social media profile for a user named Daniel Johnson. The profile picture is a black circle with a white cat's face. The name 'Daniel Johnson' is at the top, with a back arrow on the left and a search icon on the right. Below the name are three tabs: 'Posts' (blue), 'Photos', and 'Videos'. The first post, dated Jun 21, shows the text:
**Now I know who the people are
that back stabbed me. Good don't
want innocents paying for their
sins. That's why I wanted to see
who was squirming and walking
out of the classroom so to speak
someone please inform the ones
that walked out. Yall cost me my
career and blackballed me from
getting a job. Yall got married and
had kids before I had my first
girlfriend. Yall owe me more
money than yall can comprehend.
That will not go unpunished.**
Below the post are 'Like', 'Comment', and 'Copy' buttons. The second post, dated Jun 20, shows the same profile picture and name, with a date and a person icon below it, and three dots to the right.



8:51

8:52

Daniel Johnson

Posts Photos Videos

Like Comment Send

Daniel Johnson 2h ·  ...

If yall want me to be gay. Yall have already put that on me for 36 years. I wanted to be married to my beautiful Virgin FEMALE wife by age 23. I'm beyond ready to push the button on the detonator. [REDACTED] what did you do with [REDACTED]

I'm curious did yall do it? After waiting 36 years MY WIFE BETTER BE PERFECT MY piece better be rock hard and a stream better break brick. But some girl made me go to sleep and cut my pee hole. I woke up with my pants unzipped. She came in my locked house while I was sleeping using military technology to put me to sleep and NO ONE will answer my emails. That's an act of war. She may live but 20 will take her place. I KNOW [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] WERE TRACK8NG ME I JUST DONT KNOW HOW or WHY? Lives are at stake here. Yall wasted enough time. Just remember. As far as I'm concerned yall raped and murdered my family I would of had. Remember that. Now BOW TO ME!

Like Comment Send

Daniel Johnson 4h ·  ...

I want to know how [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were able to conveniently ride up behind me while I was running in the exact same location on windmill. A location on the opposite side of Lauderdale County from the clarkdale school district. Two separate occasions. [REDACTED] works at [REDACTED] and takes his truck on joy rides and having meals with little white girls that have not reached puberty yet with his wife that means HE IS A PEDOPHILE.

Like Comment Send

Daniel Johnson 4h ·  ...

On the post taken down about having words starting with NIGG I know Facebook is not searching my post algorithms aren't doing that. I know it was reported by someone. Out of my 51 friends I have 4 people possibly 5 I believe would actually report that I'm just letting yall know I had

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8:54

Daniel Johnson

Posts Photos Videos

nickels at him when he walked on the court.

Like Comment Send

Daniel Johnson 5h · 5h

Facebook will take down your post if you use words that start with NIGG and give you a warning that repeated breaking of rules will have my account deactivated. That was not a breaking of rules it had NOTHING to do about race at ALL. If I that happens I will be visiting students I have in person. This is NOT A JOKE. This isn't highschool I'm NOT YOUR TEACHER and I AM SEARCHING FOR THE KIDS THAT DESTROYED MY CAREER. Don't slip up. The laws that protected you as a student from me as a teacher aren't there anymore and yall are the reason I lost my license to teach. I am aware of swatting and yall think it's funny. What I did before teaching I gurantee you won't think it's funny when my foot breaks down your door.

Like Comment Send

Daniel Johnson 6h · 6h

This pizza. My parents QUICKLY said you can do this one again. Now time for cost 2 dollars for the dough 25 cents for the sauce 10 dollars for toppings and 50 cents worth of this type cheese. So12.75

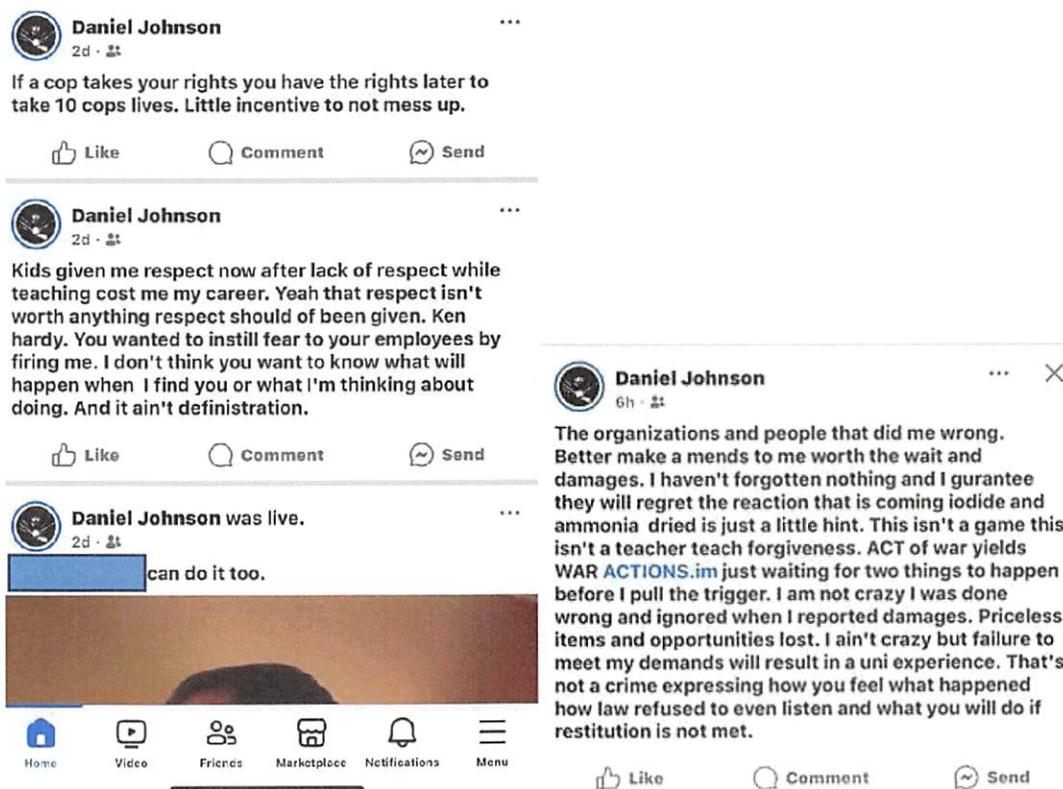
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7. I and other FBI personnel coordinated with Lauderdale County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) officers to identify JOHNSON as the owner of the Facebook account and proceeded to intervene by conducting interviews with JOHNSON and his parents. During the interviews, JOHNSON admitted to making the above threats using his personal Facebook account. During this course of interaction with JOHNSON, law enforcement officials reached out to mental health professionals concerning JOHNSON's behavior. Both JOHNSON and his father agreed for JOHNSON to be evaluated by mental health professionals at the LCSO. Mental health

professionals from the Weems Crisis Services were contacted and agreed to evaluate JOHNSON at the LCSO. Upon evaluation, mental health professionals deemed in-patient care should be made available to JOHNSON. JOHNSON was transported to Westway Behavioral Healthcare facility in Laurel, Mississippi, by LCSO. JOHNSON went to in-patient treatment, was released, and returned to the Subject Premises in Meridian, Mississippi. I later learned that JOHNSON completed only two weeks of the inpatient program.

The August 2024 Threats

8. On August 28, 2024, LCSO contacted FBI regarding new threatening posts being made by JOHNSON via Facebook. These threats included a threat to “take 10 cops lives,” the manufacturing of an improvised explosive device using “iodide and ammonia,” committing “acts of war,” and “pull[ing] the trigger.” All of the posts appear to be made with the same undertone of vengeance towards former co-workers and students that was present in the posts made before JOHNSON’s inpatient treatment. Screenshots of the Facebook posts of JOHNSON are provided below:



3:06 LTE

Daniel Johnson

Posts **Photos** **Videos**

 7m ·  You got a problem with me watch the mandalorian I'm NURSE BOT and all those girls are baby Yoda I took care of. I'm NANA from Peter pan. Pit BULL and I did human cock fighting I'm STILL ALIVE push that button again

 Like  Comment 

 **Daniel Johnson** · 15m ·  I went to jail for ending a bullies ummm sand ran out in hour glass. It was self defense. He won't do that again.

 Like  Comment 

 **Daniel Johnson** · 23m ·  Exercise I can do 3 consecutive pull-ups and finished 11 through 20 on round 2 today. Also caught them tightening the pully systems Physical Therapist Doctors and nurses yall need to go in there and explain why that is DANGEROUS!

 Like  Comment 

 **Daniel Johnson** · 25m ·  More restrictions added to my account because I said don't play a Michel Buble song. Now who reported it? I don't think it's a joke yall took my job sole source of income and now getting in my way again. I fought for my freedom I don't think you want to do that this is bait.

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9. After the posts were made on the Facebook profile of JOHNSON, LCSO received calls and complaints from citizens regarding the threats being made by JOHNSON. Due to the prior threats targeting the members of Clarkdale High School and JOHNSON's prior knowledge of the campus, Lauderdale County School District also raised concerns and requested additional law enforcement presence to ensure the safety of students and faculty alike.

10. I consulted with FBI Special Agent Bomb Technician Team Lead, Brian Barrow, regarding the chemical mixture referenced in JOHNSON's post. SABT Barrow spoke with a Chemist in the Explosives Unit at the FBI Laboratory who confirmed, Iodine and Ammonia

mixed together can produce the primary explosive Nitrogen Triiodide. He also stated the explosive is usually stored under water until use or it can explode with little or no input. As an improvised explosive it is extremely sensitive to all forms of energy input (i.e., heat, friction, impact, shock, and electrostatic discharge).

11. On August 28, 2024, I applied for and was granted a search warrant for the known residence of JOHNSON at 1221 64th Court, Meridian, MS. The same day, I and other law enforcement officers executed the search warrant for the subject premises. During the search of the subject premises, Agents discovered suspicious items that appeared to be components of explosive devices or materials/chemicals used for the manufacturing of explosives. Those items are presently being analyzed by SABT Barrow and other FBI personnel.

12. With the above information, I, FBI Special Agent Tara Ford, request that an arrest warrant be issued for Daniel Christian JOHNSON for violating Title 18, United States Code, Section 844(e), Explosive Materials-Willfully Making a Threat and Title 18, United States Code, Section 875(c), Interstate Communications with Threat to Kidnap or Injure.



Tara Ford
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of Sept., 2024.



Kelley J. Skeekan
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE